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Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: Thank you for being a recommender for the PCAFPD scholarship. Recommendations are used as part of the selection process. Please type your information below and provide a digital copy to the applicant for submission. Hand written responses will not be accepted.

Recommender Information

Name: Leonida Hangad-Simpas **Relationship to applicant:** Supervisor/Fellow Parishioner

Organization/School: San Miguel Arkanghel Parish **Email address:** N/A (Mobile No.: 09106256294)

Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: Gretchen C. Campuso **Current School:** Mahayag School of Arts and Trades

Recommendation

Gretchen is a rare gem in our community. I have watched her grow over the years within our Parish, and what strikes me most is how naturally service seems to come to her. During the summer, she teaches *Flores de Mayo* to the children who look up to her. On weekends, you will find her running errands around the church, quietly making sure everything is in place for Sunday Mass. And on Sundays, she serves as lector, staying afterward to help wherever an extra hand is needed so that the service runs smoothly for everyone.

I will be honest with you: when I look at the news these days and see how many of our youth seem to be losing their way, I sometimes worry about what kind of future we are building. But then I think of young people like Gretchen, and that worry eases. She reminds me that there is still so much good, so much promise, growing quietly among us.

What I admire most about Gretchen is not just what she does, but how she does it. She carries out her tasks without needing recognition, and when she makes a mistake, she owns it humbly rather than making excuses. Whatever she commits her heart to, she sees through. There is a depth to her that I don't often encounter in someone her age, a kind of maturity and perspective that feels far older than her years.

I am already proud of the young woman Gretchen has become, and I find myself genuinely excited to see what she will go on to offer the world. When she came to me and asked if I would write this recommendation, and once I understood what this scholarship represents, I did not hesitate for a moment. Gretchen is exactly the kind of person our nation needs more of, the kind who gives me real hope for a better, more peaceful future.

I recommend her wholeheartedly.

LEONIDA H. SIMPAS

Recommender Name & Signature:

Date: 9/26/2024